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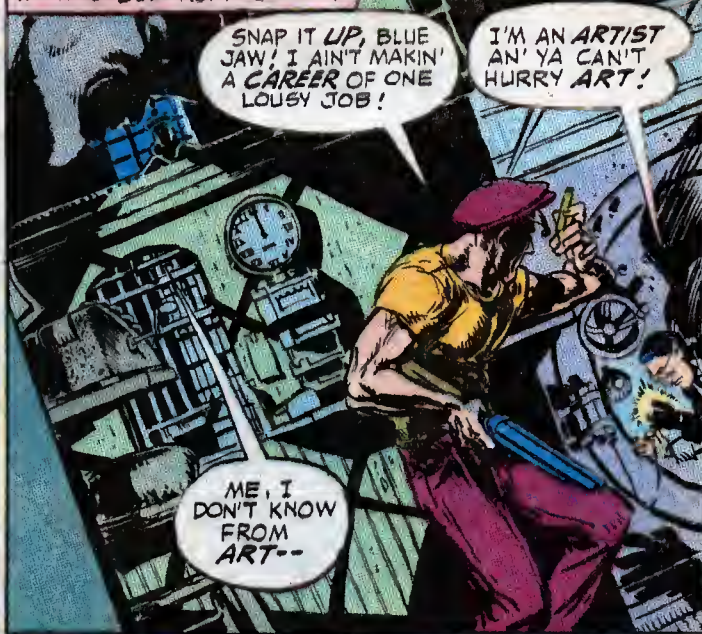
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-- HOWEVER, THE BAD ARE ABOUT THEIR DEEDS...AS IN THIS SUBURBAN BANK...



SNAP IT UP, BLUE JAW! I AIN'T MAKIN' A CAREER OF ONE LOUSY JOB!

I'M AN ARTIST AN' YA CAN'T HURRY ART!

ME, I DON'T KNOW FROM ART--



--BUT I KNOW WHAT I LIKE!

KA-
WNMPH

SUCH AS THAT VAULT BLOWIN', HUH?



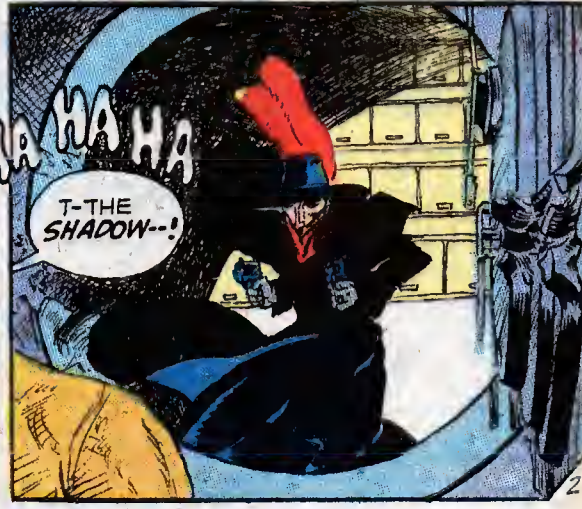
GRAB THE BIG BILLS-- AN' BE QUICK!

SHHHH... YOU BIRDS HEAR SOMETHIN'?



THAT LAUGH... GOIN' THROUGH ME LIKE AN ICE PICK!

COULD IT BE... HIM?

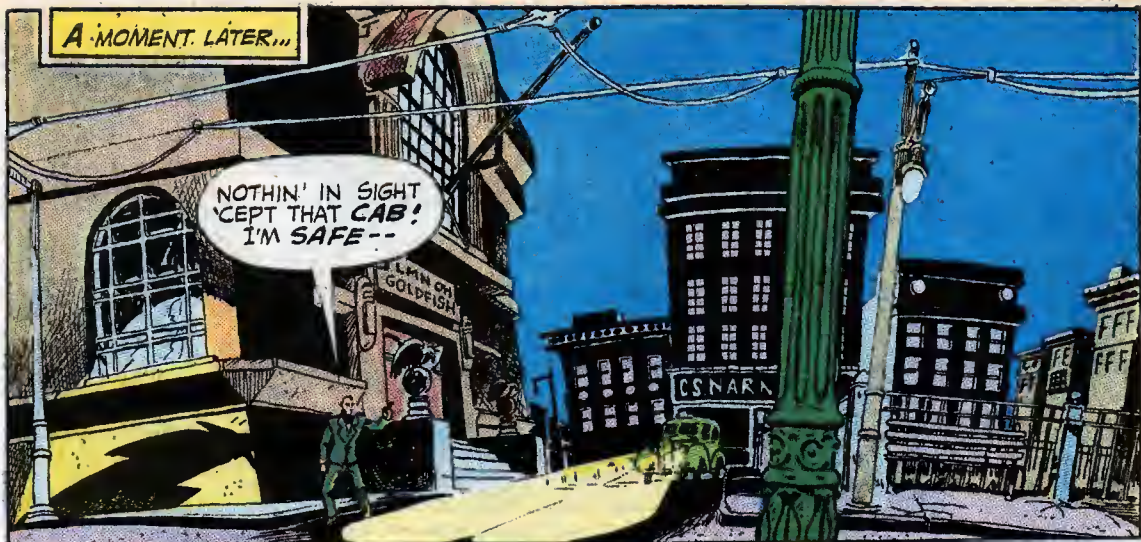


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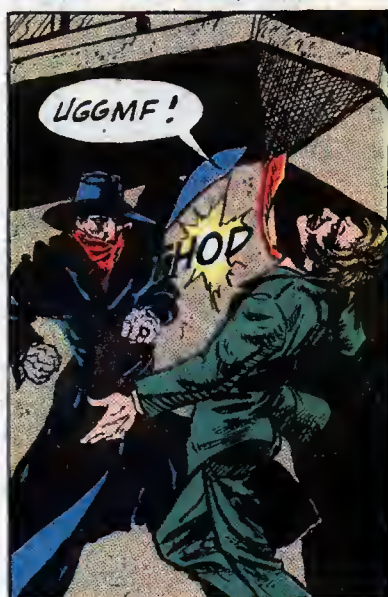


A MOMENT LATER...

NOTHIN' IN SIGHT
'CEPT THAT CAB!
I'M SAFE--

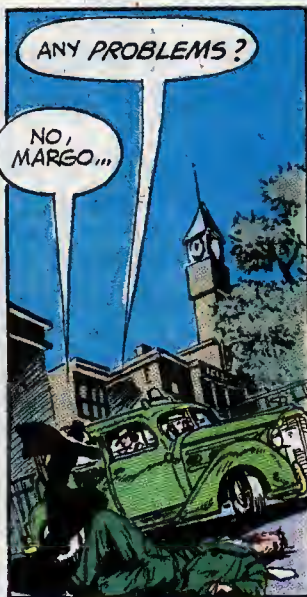


UGGMF!



ANY PROBLEMS?

NO,
MARGO...



...NONE AT ALL! THE STOOL-
PIGEON GAVE US EXACT
INFORMATION--THE TIME, THE
TOWN AND THE **BANK** THOSE
HOODS PLANNED TO ROB!



ONE THING IS PUZZLING,
THOUGH! THE **LEADER** IS...
ER-- **WAS** A MOBSTER NAMED
BLUE JAW GRADY--

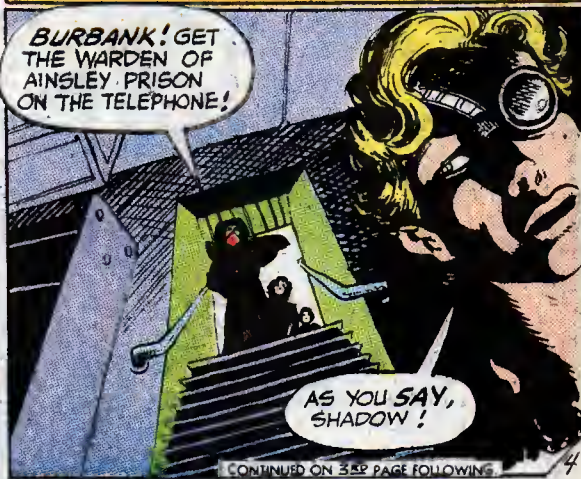
--AND TO THE BEST
OF MY KNOWLEDGE, GRADY
SHOULD BE SERVING A
TWENTY YEAR STRETCH
AT **AINSLEY PRISON**!



THEN, AT A PLACE WHICH DOES NOT OFFICIALLY
EXIST--

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THE WARDEN OF
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SHADOW!



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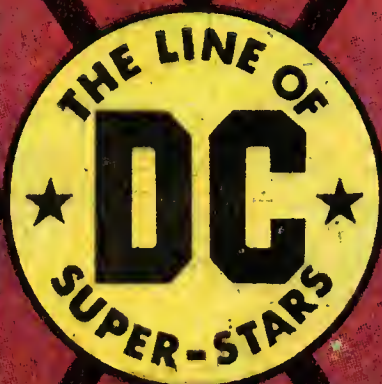
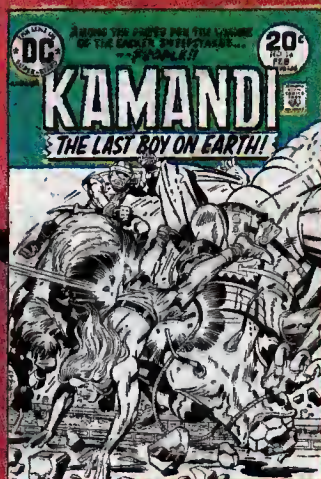
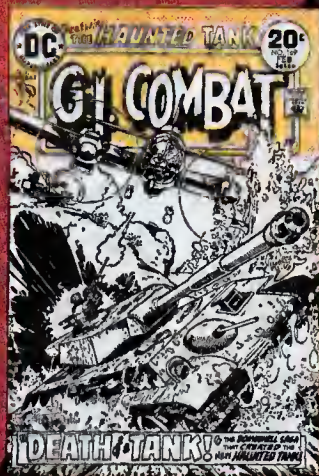
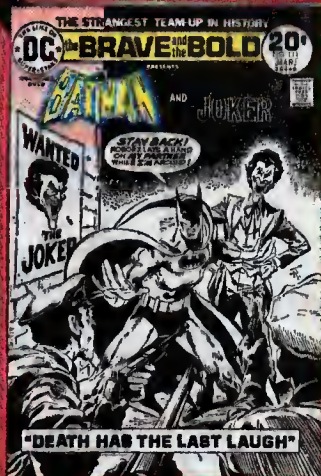
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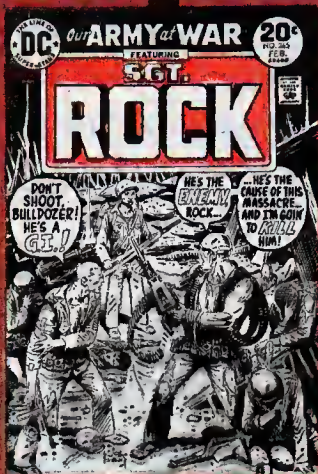
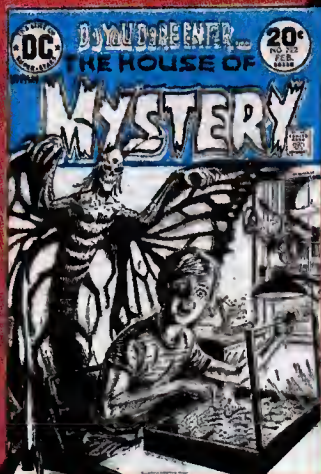
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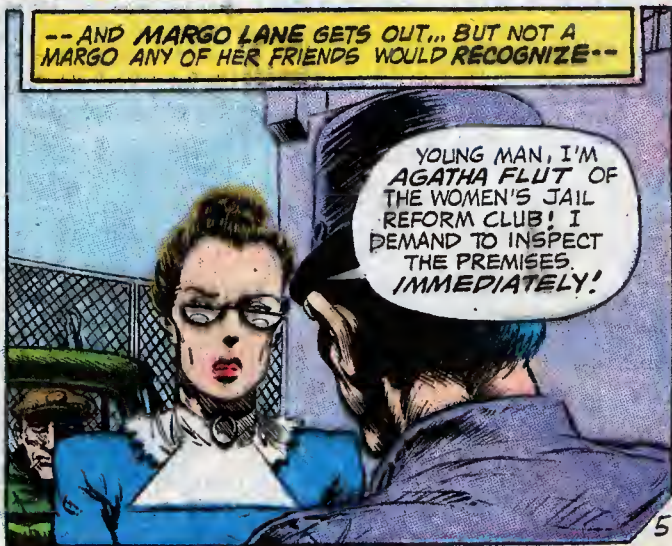
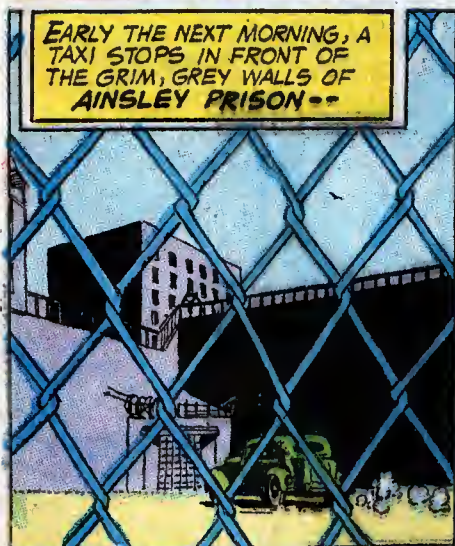
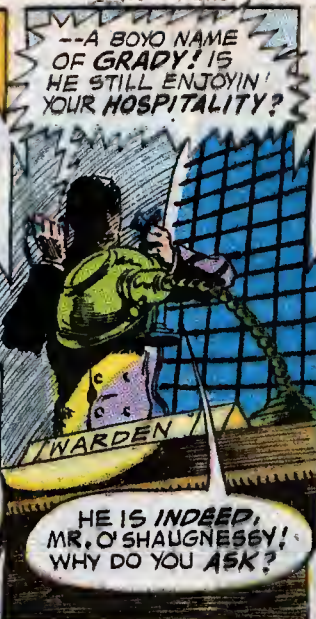
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GUARD, I **INSIST**
ON SEEING THE
WARDEN!

HERE HE
COMES NOW,
M'AM!

CAN I **HELP**
YOU, MISS FLUT?

YOU CERTAINLY **CAN!**
LEAD ME TO A
TELEPHONE THIS
INSTANT!

NO
PROBLEM--

--YOU CAN USE
THE ONE IN MY
OFFICE!

I PREFER
TO MAKE
MY CALL
ALONE!

AS THE DOOR CLOSES BEHIND
HER, MARGO DIALS AN UNLISTED
NUMBER AND...

HELLO... **BURBANK!**
THE SHADOW WAS
RIGHT! SOMETHING'S
DRASTICALLY **WRONG--**

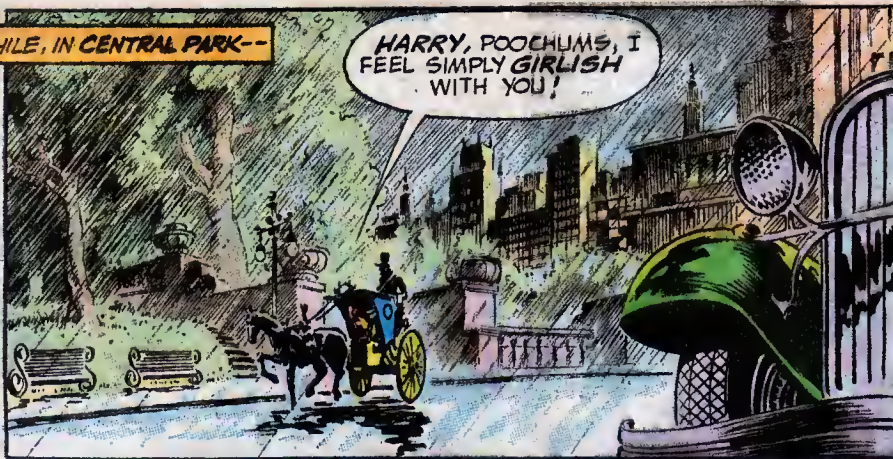
--NONE OF THE
CELLS ARE **LOCKED!**
THE MAN WHO'S
SUPPOSED TO BE
THE **WARDEN--**

CLIK

--IF HE'S A **PRISON OFFICIAL**,
I'M **FANNY BRICE!** I
RECOGNIZED HIM!--HE'S
REALLY A **MOBSTER...**



MEANWHILE, IN CENTRAL PARK--



HARRY, POOCHUMS, I
FEEL SIMPLY GIRLISH
WITH YOU!



WHY DON'T WE GO TO
MY PLACE AND LOOK
AT MY HIGH SCHOOL
YEARBOOK?

SORRY, DOLL!
I GOT FISH TO
FRY AND KITES TO
FLY! CATCH YOU
NEXT WEEK, MAYBE!



WHAT'S THE
PROGRAM,
BOSS?

FIRST, A
CHANGE OF
CLOTHING AND
IDENTITY!
THEN A
JOURNEY!

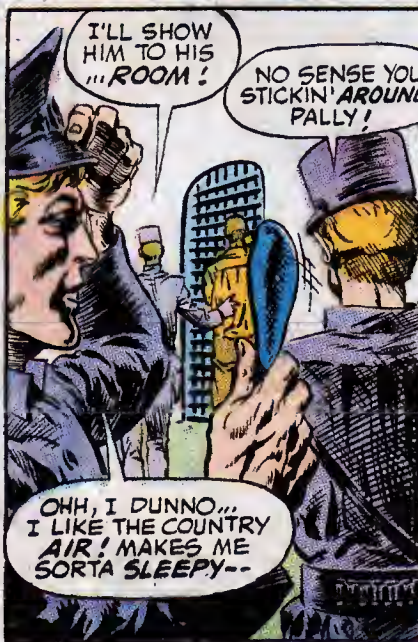
I'LL GIVE YOU
INSTRUCTIONS
ON THE WAY!

SO, AS EVENING CREEPS
ACROSS THE LAND...



OPEN THE
GATE, CHUM!
I GOT A
CUSTOMER
FOR YOUR
LITTLE
HOTEL!

BRING
HIM IN!



I'LL SHOW
HIM TO HIS
ROOM!

NO SENSE YOU
STICKIN' AROUND,
PALLY!

OH, I DUNNO...
I LIKE THE COUNTRY
AIR! MAKES ME
SORTA SLEEPY--



--YOU TOO, HUH?

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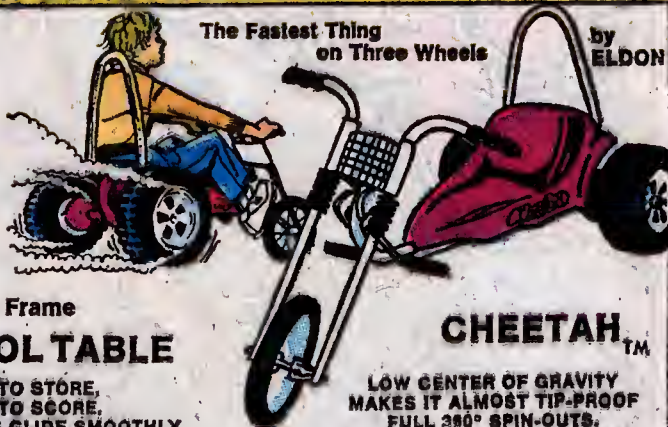
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HE OUGHT TO SNOOZE
LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO
PLANT THIS STUFF--!

AND THE
SOONER THE
BETTER--



--ONE SMALL
ACCIDENT AND
IT'LL BE RAINING
HARRY VINCENT
FOR DAYS!



ELSEWHERE...

YOU AIN'T
GONNA MIND
OUR JOINT
A **BIT!** WE
MANAGE TO
HAVE A FEW
LAUGHS!

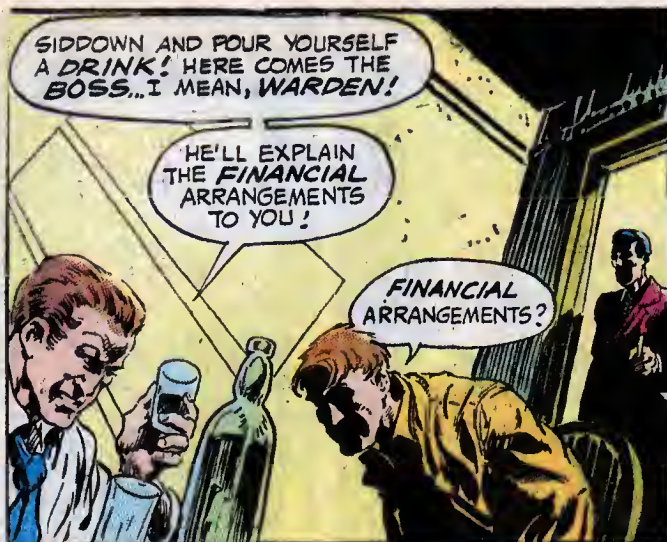


BOYS, MEET
YOUR NEW
ROOMMATE!

HOWDY,
BUD!

WELCOME!

HE'S
CUTE!



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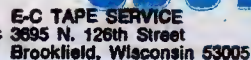
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I Dream of Hill Bitty Heaven	Tex Ritter	I've Been Everywhere	Hank Snow	Detroit City	Bobby Bare			
Tender Years	George Jones	Sha Thinkin' I Still Care	George Jones	Act Naturally	Buck Owens			
Heller's Walls	Farlon Young	Mystery Loves Company	Porter Wagoner	O. J. The D. J.	Stonewall Jackson			
How Do I Feel	Patrice	Charlie's Shoes	Billy Walker	Ablens	George Hamilton IV			
I'd Rather Lose	Roy Drusky	The End of the World	Skinner Davis	Talk Back Trembling Lips	Ernest Ashworth			
Walk on by	Leroy Van Dyke	Don't Let Me Cross Over	Carl Butler	Take Easy on the Road	Dave Dudley			
Big Bad John	Jimmy Dean	P.T. 109	Jimmy Dean	Loveless 7-200	Hankshaw Hankins			
Under the Influence of Love	Buck Owens	The Ballad of Jed Clampet	Flatt and Scruggs	The Matador	Johnny Horton			
Signed, Sealed and Delivered	Cowboy Copas	A Little Bitty Tear	Burl Ives	Sweet Dreams of Yea	Patsy Cline			
Leaving Your Love	Jim Reeves	A Wound Time Can't Erase	Stonewall Jackson	500 Miles Away	Bobby Bare			
Three Hearts in a Tangle	Roy Drusky	A Girl I Used to Know	Geo. Jones	Larry's Gonna Live Here	Buck Owens			
My Last Date (With You)	Hank Thompson	Worthern Mountain	Glyde Kin	Mountain of Love	Darrel Houston			
My Last Date (With You)	Skinner Davis	A Little Heartache	Buddy Arnold	Ninety Miles an Hour	Hank Snow			
Soft Rain	Ray Price	You're For Me	Buck Owens	Gully	Jim Reeves			
The Wizard	Jim Reeves	Adios Amigos	Don Pease					

TITLE	1970	ARTIST	TITLE	1971	ARTIST
Rose Garden	Lynn Anderson	Bright Lights	Sonny James		
Sunday Morning Coming Down	Johnny Cash	Carolyn	Merle Haggard		
My Woman, My Woman, My Woman	Mary Robles	You're My Man	Lynn Anderson		
He Loves Me All the Way	Tammy Wynette	He & His	Stonesall Jackson		
I Can't Believe that You've Stopped		How Much More Can She Stand	Conway Twitty		
Loving Me	Charley Pride	Gals	Billy Anderson		
16 Years Ago	Conway Twitty	Good Lovin'	Tammy Wynette		
Coal Miner's Daughter	Loretta Lynn	It's Four in The Morning	Faron Young		
There Must Be More Love Than This	Jerry Lee Lewis	Island in Black	Johnny Cash		
Flesh & Blood	Johnny Cash	Music of Many Colors	Barbara Parton		
For the Good Times	Ray Price	The Year that Clayton Delaney Died	Yom T. Hall		
Run, Woman Run	Tammy Wynette	When You're Not You're Not	Jerry Reed		
Long, Long Texas Road	Ray Crumley	She's All I Got	Johnny Paycheck		
The Fool She Took	Dave Dudley	One's on the Way	Loretta Lynn		
If I were a Carpenter	J. Cash & J. Carter	Would You Take Another Chance with Me	Jerry Lee Lewis		
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FOR YOUR LITTLE **GROUP!**
GET TO KNOW HIM **QUICK...**
I GOTTA HUNCH HE AIN'T
GONNA **LAST** TILL MORNING!

YOU'RE
INJURED--

NO MORE
THAN A
BRUISE!

YOU'RE
THE **REAL**
WARDEN--?

I'M WARDEN GIBSON **WALTERS--YES!**
AND THIS IS MY CHIEF GUARD, **EARL
THORPE!**

WHO MIGHT
YOU BE?

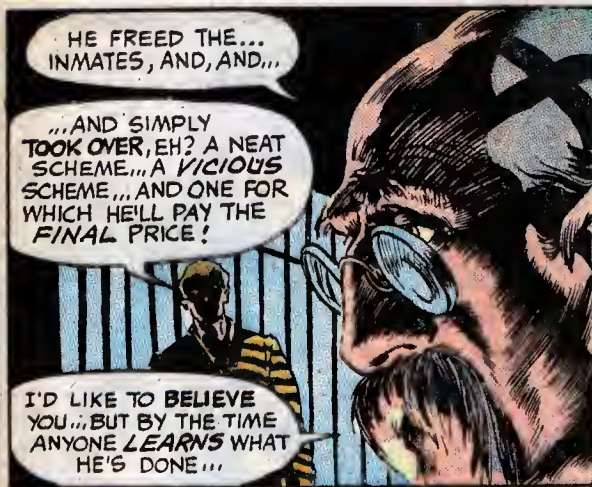
CALL ME
A **FRIEND--**

--AND TELL ME WHY
YOU'RE A PRISONER IN
YOUR OWN **CELL!**

ABOUT A MONTH AGO, **COBRA**
AND HIS MOB ENTERED THE
BUILDING IN A **LAUNDRY
TRUCK--**

--SOMEHOW THEY
ELUDED MY MEN AND
PUT **GAS** IN THE
VENTILATING SYSTEM!
MOST OF US WERE
RENDERED
UNCONSCIOUS!

COBRA
SLAUGHTERED
EVERYONE EXCEPT
**EARL AND
MYSELF!**



HE FREED THE...
INMATES, AND, AND...

...AND SIMPLY
TOOK OVER, EH? A NEAT
SCHEME... A VICIOUS
SCHEME... AND ONE FOR
WHICH HE'LL PAY THE
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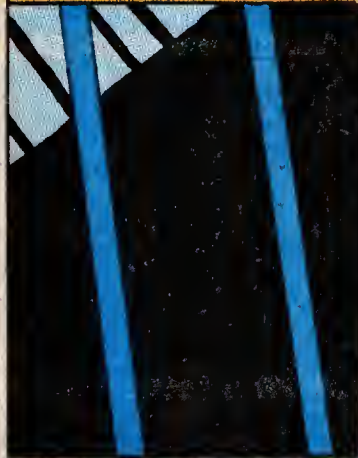
I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE
YOU... BUT BY THE TIME
ANYONE LEARNS WHAT
HE'S DONE...



--HE'LL BE GONE
...AND WE'LL
BE DEAD!

THE CANDLE...
IT'S BURNED
OUT!

IN THE DIM RAYS OF THE COLD
WHITE MOON SHINING
THROUGH THE BARRED
WINDOW, A STARTLING
TRANSFORMATION TAKES
PLACE... THE NEWCOMER
VANISHES ABRUPTLY--



-- IN HIS PLACE, A SLOUCH-
HATTED AVENGER WHO
REMOVES A SLIM METAL
DEVICE FROM A HOLLOW
TOOTH--



--AND APPLIES IT TO THE LOCK--

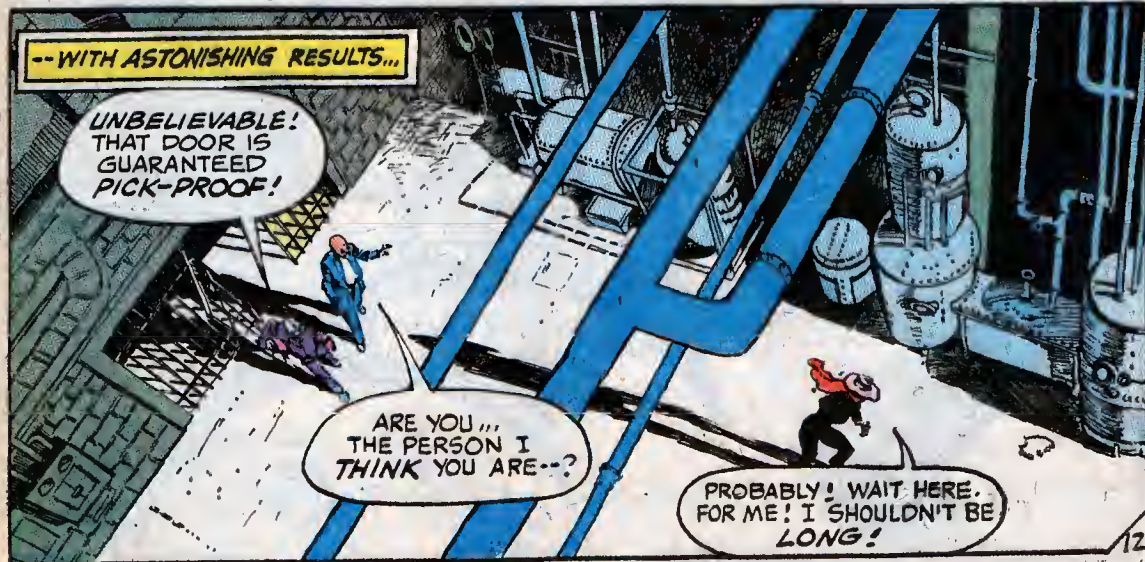


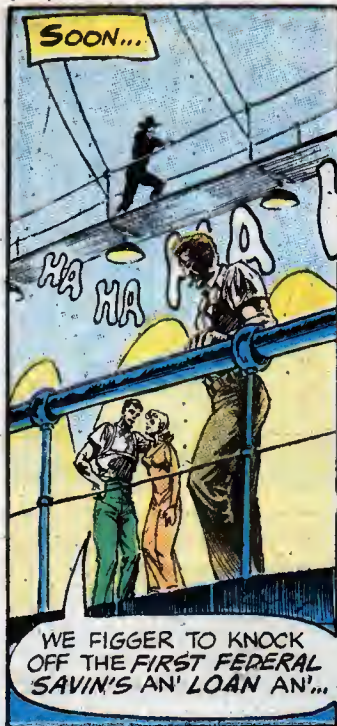
--WITH ASTONISHING RESULTS...

UNBELIEVABLE!
THAT DOOR IS
GUARANTEED
PICK-PROOF!

ARE YOU...
THE PERSON I
THINK YOU ARE--?

PROBABLY! WAIT HERE.
FOR ME! I SHOULDN'T BE
LONG!





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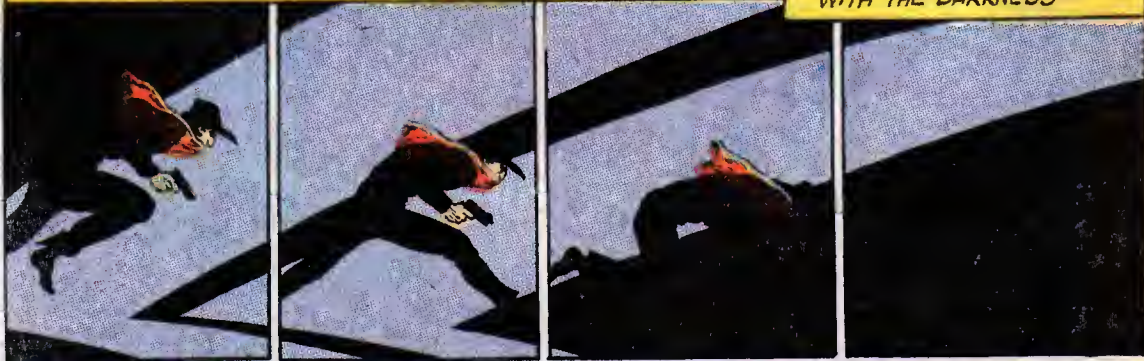
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SWIFT AND SILENT AS A WIND-DRIVEN CLOUD, HE GLIDES ALONG THE CORRIDOR, MERGING WITH THE DARKNESS--



--REAPPEARING BEFORE KING COBRA'S OFFICE! THE WALLS ECHO HIS COMMAND--

--THAT YOU WILL SURRENDER ...OR WATCH THIS LOVELY CREATURE END IN A PARTICULARLY HORRIBLE MANNER!

NOW I HAVE ONLY TO DROP AN **ASH** AND SHE'LL BE **FINISHED!**

PREPARE YOURSELF, COBRA! PREPARE TO **SURRENDER--OR DIE!**

YOU'LL NOTICE I'M DRENCHING HER WITH **GASOLINE--!**

THERE'S A **THIRD POSSIBILITY--**

WARDEN



YOUR **DECISION!** DROP YOUR GUNS, OR...

YOU WIN-- **THIS ROUND!**

YOU **DISAPPOINT** ME, SHADOW! I WAS **CERTAIN** YOU'D SACRIFICE THE LIFE OF A **WOMAN--ALBEIT A BEAUTIFUL ONE--**IN ORDER TO BAG SUCH A PRIZE AS **ME!**

I **MIGHT--** IF IT WERE **NECESSARY!**



YOU *STILL* THINK
YOU CAN WIN?
YOU'RE *MISTAKEN!*

MEN--
GRAB
HIM!

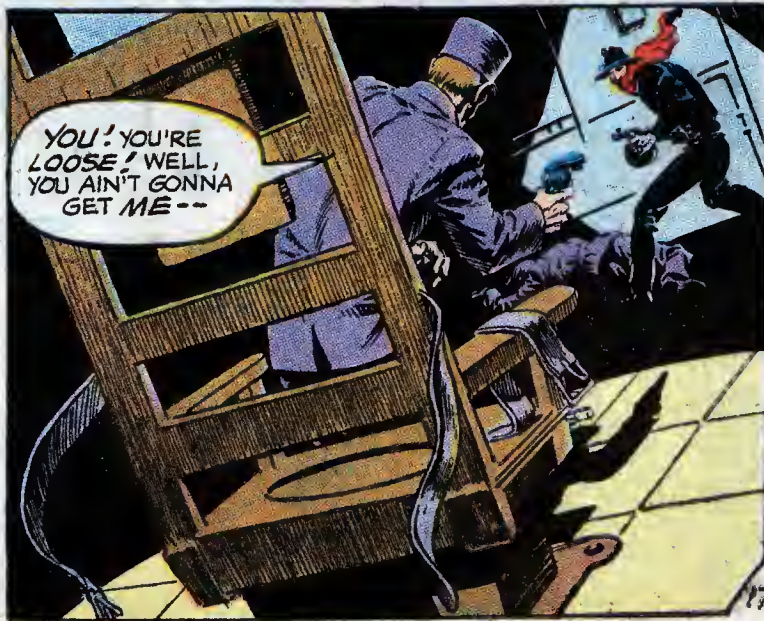
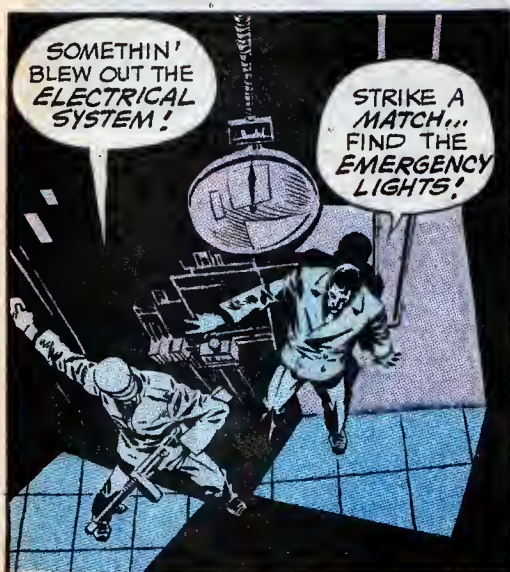
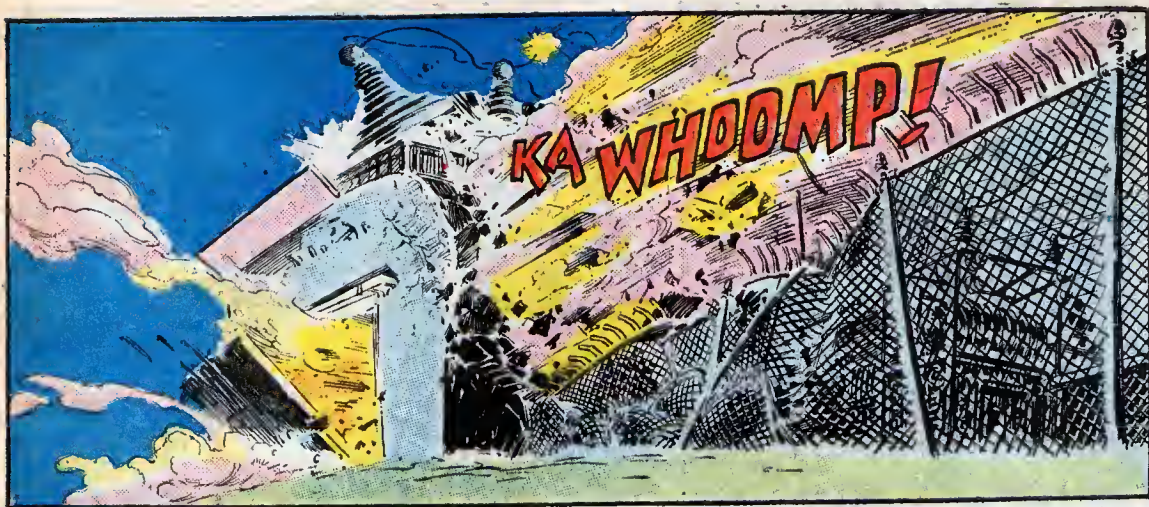
FOR YEARS, YOU'VE
BEEN AN *ENEMY*
TO MY KIND...

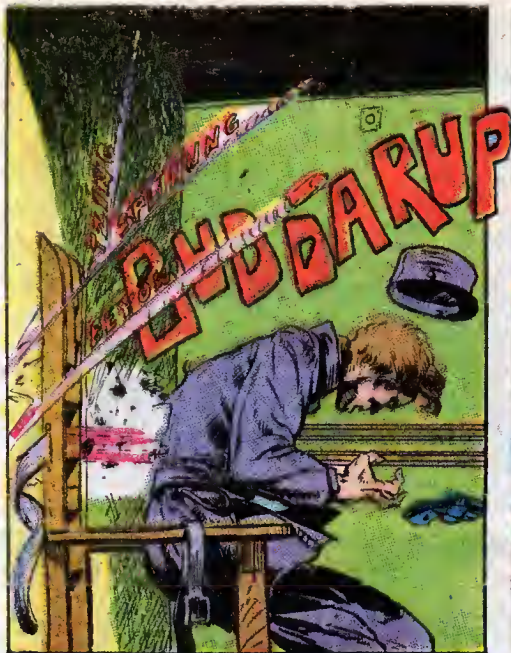
...OUR
GREATEST
ENEMY!

IN YOUR SOCIETY,
ENEMIES ARE *ELIMINATED*.
AND SO IT SHALL BE IN
OUR *CRIMINAL* WORLD!

IT'S CALLED THE LAST MILE...
BUT IT'S NOT REALLY A MILE--
IT ONLY SEEMS THAT WAY TO
SOME...

...AND TO SOME--IT'S
THE *SHORTEST* DISTANCE
IN THE WORLD!

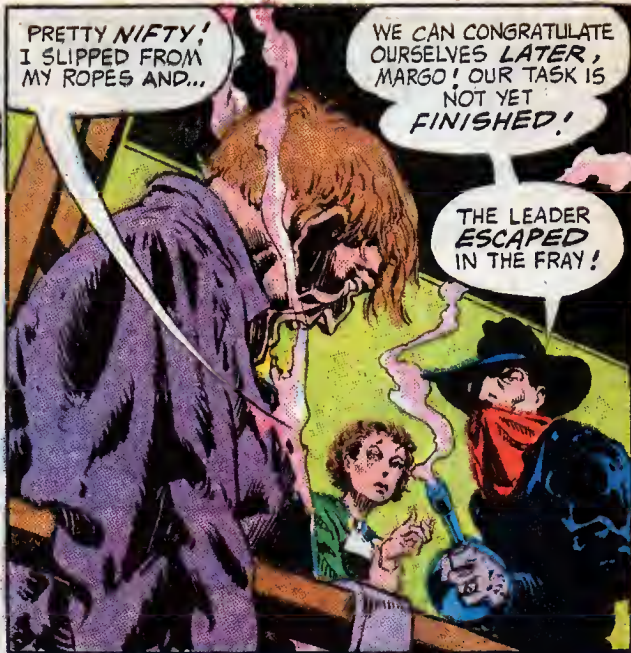




PRETTY NIFTY!
I SLIPPED FROM
MY ROPES AND...

WE CAN CONGRATULATE
OURSELVES LATER,
MARGO! OUR TASK IS
NOT YET
FINISHED!

THE LEADER
ESCAPED
IN THE FRAY!



I'LL PURSUE COBRA
WHILE YOU SUMMON THE
POLICE TO CAPTURE
THE MOB!

NO SENSE
IN ASKING
HIM TO BE
CAREFUL--



WITHIN MOMENTS, THE
AVENGER JOINING HIS
AIDE IN THE YARD
AND...

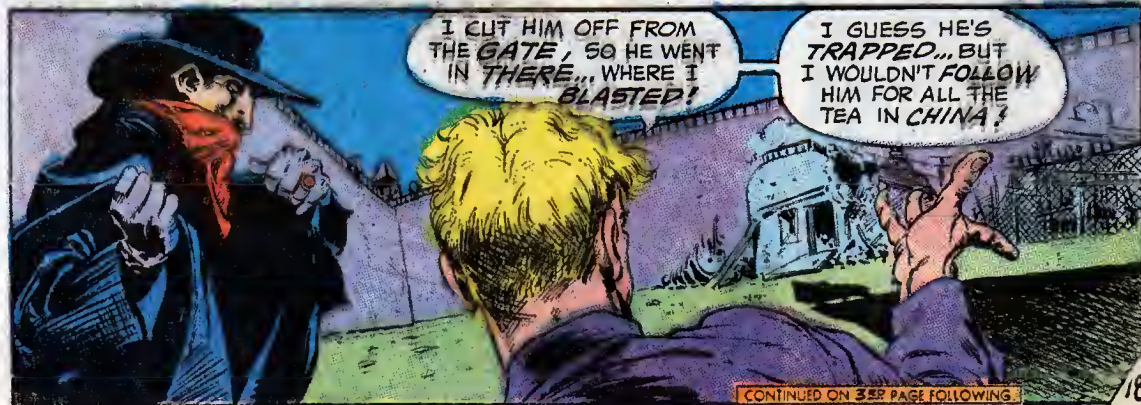
HAS ANYONE
PASSED YOU,
HARRY?

YEAH--A BIRD
RUNNING LIKE
HIS UNDERWEAR
WAS ON FIRE--



I CUT HIM OFF FROM
THE GATE, SO HE WENT
IN THERE... WHERE I
BLASTED!

I GUESS HE'S
TRAPPED... BUT
I WOULDN'T FOLLOW
HIM FOR ALL THE
TEA IN CHINA!



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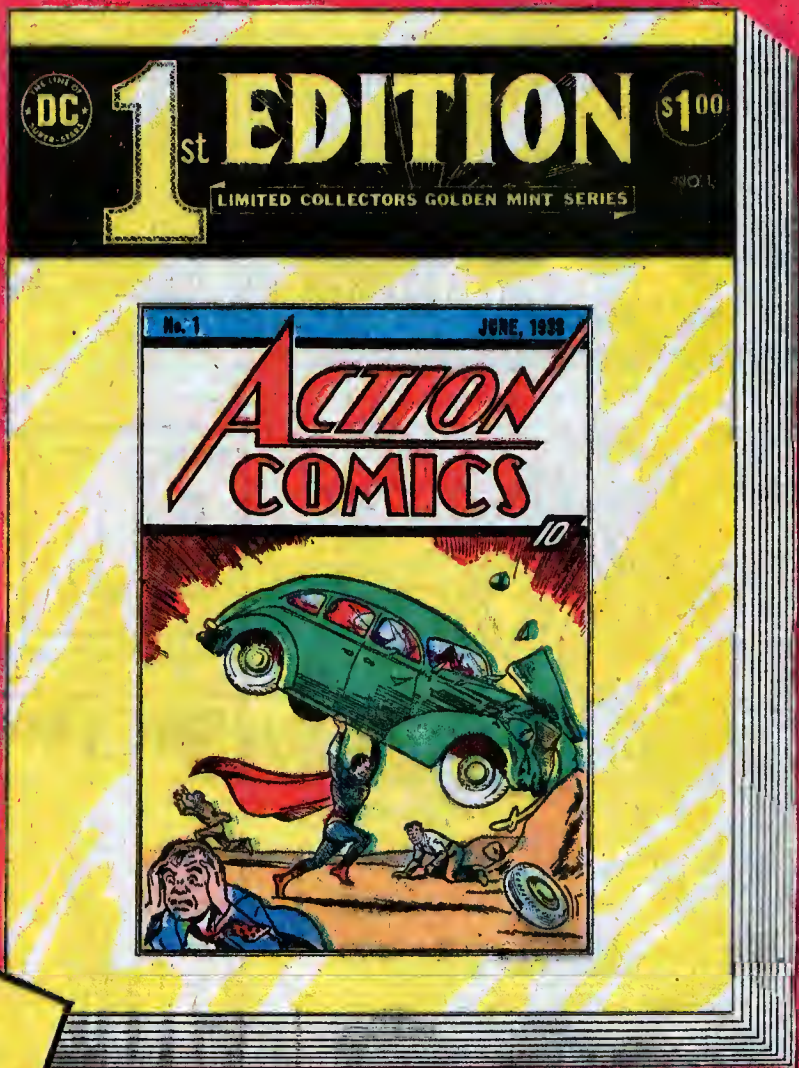
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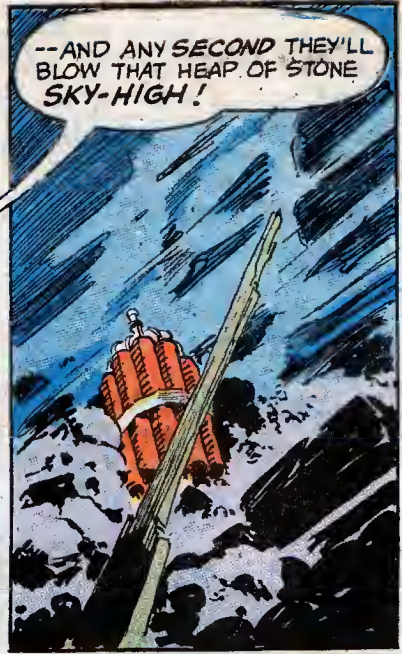
THE LINE OF DC SUPER-STARS

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THIS TRIPLE-TREAT!



THE PROBLEM IS, I SET **TWO** CHARGES TO GO OFF AT MIDNIGHT... AND **ONLY ONE** DID!

WHICH MEANS A DOZEN STICKS OF HIGH-GRADE **TNT** ARE SITTING IN THE RUBBLE--



--AND ANY **SECOND** THEY'LL BLOW THAT HEAP OF STONE **SKY-HIGH!**



FORGET HIM, CHIEF! HE CAN'T ESCAPE!

NO!

I NEVER LEAVE A JOB HALF DONE!



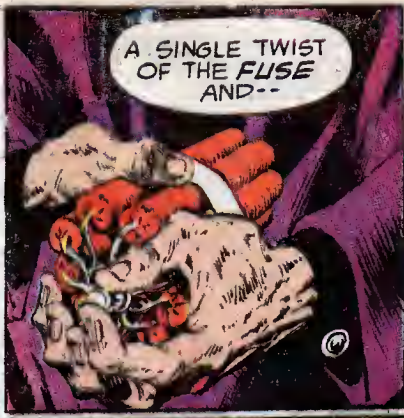
AND, IN THE CRUMPLED STRUCTURE...

AGAIN, I DEMAND YOUR **SURRENDER, COBRA!**

AGAIN, I **REFUSE!** I REALIZE I'M **FINISHED, BECAUSE OF YOU!**



MY LAST DEED ON THE EARTH WILL BE AN ACT OF **REVENGE...** AS IS **FITTING!** I'VE FOUND **THIS**-- ENOUGH EXPLOSIVE TO RIP US BOTH TO **BITS!**



DC TAKES A GIANT STEP FORWARD IN '74!

THE *Shadow* KNOWS

Z-222



Too much. The Shadow #1 received approximately six times the amount of mail an issue usually receives. And most of the letters were literate, interesting, even informative. It's obvious many of you know more about the Shadow than this harried editor, and equally obvious I shouldn't waste any more space complaining . . .

The Mail: A Random Sampling

Dear Denny,

Editorial policy in all areas is perfect. The use of the original pulp logo; Margo with some class and (I hope) guts at the same time; the use of characters from both the radio and the pulps; excellent characterization in a very short space (an O'Neil trademark); stories set in the thirties so that the changing attitudes of today cannot hamper The Shadow's rather unorthodox actions.

You have presented us with one of the original great heroes of American pop literature and used the newest and finest comic techniques to do so. If all goes well, through the pages of *The Shadow* we will all learn what evil lurks in the hearts of men and the thrills and entertainment that lurk in your pages.

Jack C. Harris, Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Harris teaches a course in comics at the Philadelphia College of Art.

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

I was not disappointed in the first issue of *The Shadow*. Being a collector of Shadow trivia, which includes many of the early pulps (1933 vintage), a few Shadow comics published by Street and Smith, the entire Shadow series by Archie Comics, over 30 Shadow radio programs on tape, and the two sets of paperbacks published by Bantam and Belmont, I am proudly adding your comics to my collection.

Steve Wawrzinski, Leominster, Mass.

Dear Editor,

I bought the Premier issue of *The Shadow* and found the only weak point of the story to be its lack of an explanation of The Shadow's origin. This matter concerned me and I am hopeful that the future issues will include the above mentioned.

Kevin D. Casey, Greenwich, Conn.

Perhaps they will, Kevin. Only The Shadow knows . . .

Dear Sirs,

The first issue of *The Shadow* is absolutely fantastic. The cover itself is worth the price of the comic. Kaluta and O'Neil excellently capture the "feel" of the thirties. I particularly liked the little touches, such as the use of the autogyro and the billboard advertising Blonde Venus, the 1932 Marlene Dietrich film, in the last panel.

Please don't do what I think you hinted at in "The Shadow Knows." That is, don't update The Shadow. He belongs in the thirties when the only justice possible was

a pair of blazing automatics and a mocking laugh echoing through the streets.

Jon Bills, Vancouver, Wash.

As noted in issue #2, Jon, neither Mike nor I could "update" the stories if we wanted to. After all, we don't invent these tales; we merely translate the data from The Shadow's files into the comics medium.

Dear Denny,

Don't let Mike Kaluta get away. He is the only DC artist (maybe besides Berni Wrightson) who can do justice to The Shadow.

Tim Oswald, Tacoma, Wash.

We trust the teaming of Mike and Berni in the present issue pleased you, Tim.

Dear Denny and Mike,

The idea of making The Shadow a comic character was great. But according to the radio show, Shrevvy never knew that Lamont Cranston was The Shadow; he never had a plane or helicopter; Margo Lane was helpless—she never used a weapon; The Shadow was invisible because of his hypnotic powers; and I can never recall the Shadow having a gun.

John R. Gaines, II, New York, N.Y.

Experts agree that, excellent as they were, the radio programs dramatizing The Shadow's exploits were not entirely accurate. We may deal with the matter further in forthcoming letters pages.

Dear Denny and Mike,

Last year National's quality gift to its readers was *Swamp Thing*; 1973 is going to be the year of—*The Shadow*.

Thank you, guys, for taking us back to the grand and thrilling days of The Shadow and his gang; days of Death Turrets; the Black Hush; and even the Shadow's Shadow. Mike really captured the era perfectly; his art has a distinctly delightful "pulp" look, well-suited to the strip. And that cover!—equal to anything Rozen or Gladney did for the magazine in its prime.

You, Denny, have caught the feel for Gibson's prose. I look forward to seeing The Shadow grappling with some of his greatest foes, such as Shivan Khan.

What else can be said? Stalk those mean streets carefully, fellows; peril lurks in every alley—and we'd hate to lose The Shadow to Mr. Mediocrity.

John Pocsik, Kansas City, Mo.

—And I simply can't cram any more letters onto this page, though the desk in front of me is still heaped high with envelopes. Only room for a reminder: we read the mail we don't print—every word. So send your comments to:

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The Shadow and I will be waiting . . .

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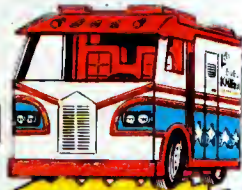
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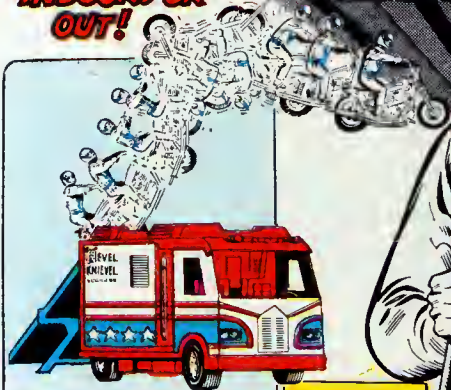
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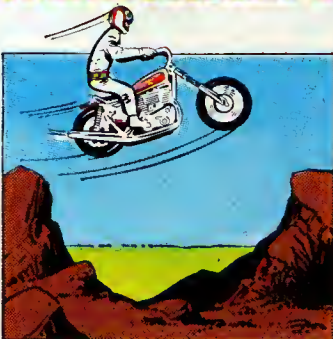
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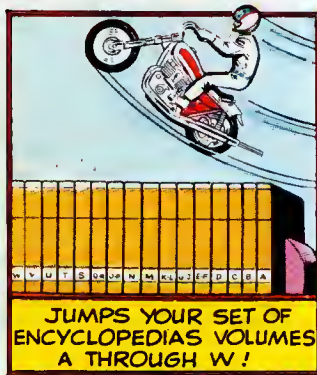
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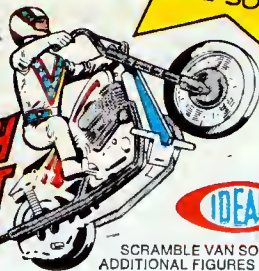
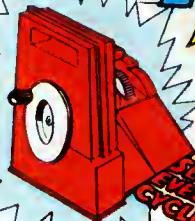
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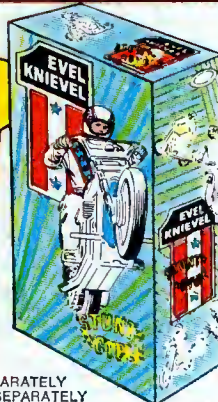
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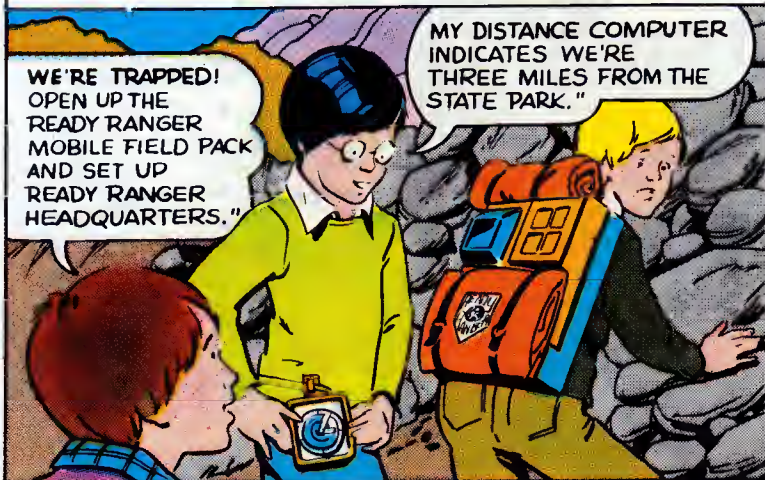
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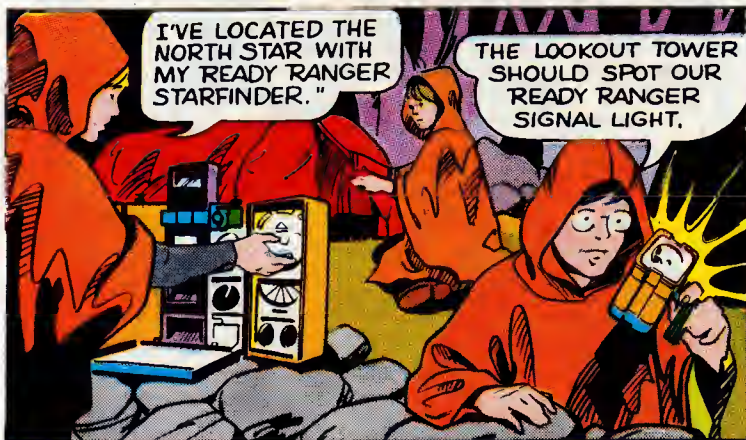
WE'RE TRAPPED!
OPEN UP THE
READY RANGER
MOBILE FIELD PACK
AND SET UP
READY RANGER
HEADQUARTERS."

MY DISTANCE COMPUTER
INDICATES WE'RE
THREE MILES FROM THE
STATE PARK."



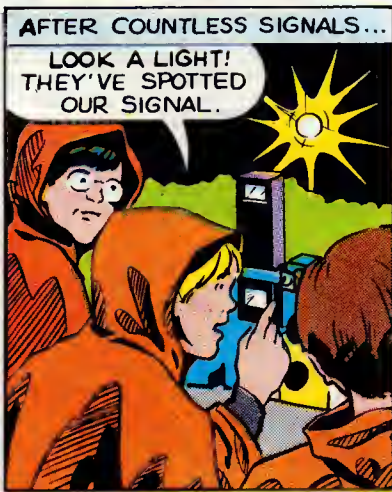
I'LL CALL FOR
HELP THROUGH
MY P.A. HORN.
HELP! HELP!

AS NIGHT FALLS, THE RANGERS PITCH THEIR TENTS AND
HUDDLE TOGETHER IN THEIR 'READY RANGER PONCHOS.



I'VE LOCATED THE
NORTH STAR WITH
MY 'READY RANGER
STARFINDER."

THE LOOKOUT TOWER
SHOULD SPOT OUR
READY RANGER
SIGNAL LIGHT.



AFTER COUNTLESS SIGNALS...

LOOK A LIGHT!
THEY'VE SPOTTED
OUR SIGNAL.



AT DAYBREAK,
A HELICOPTER LIFTS THE RANGERS TO SAFETY.

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